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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 29 as follows:

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29. (Amended) The skate frame of Claim 27, wherein the cross sectional shape of the sidewalls of the carrier frame and the outer shell is substantially arcuate, such that the arcuate cross sectional shape of the sidewalls flexes to absorb at least a portion of the vibrational energy, wherein the arcuate cross sectional shape of first and second sidewalls of the carrier frame and the outer shell is substantially C-shaped in configuration, the arcuate cross section of each sidewall has an upper end spaced from a lower end by a concave portion.

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